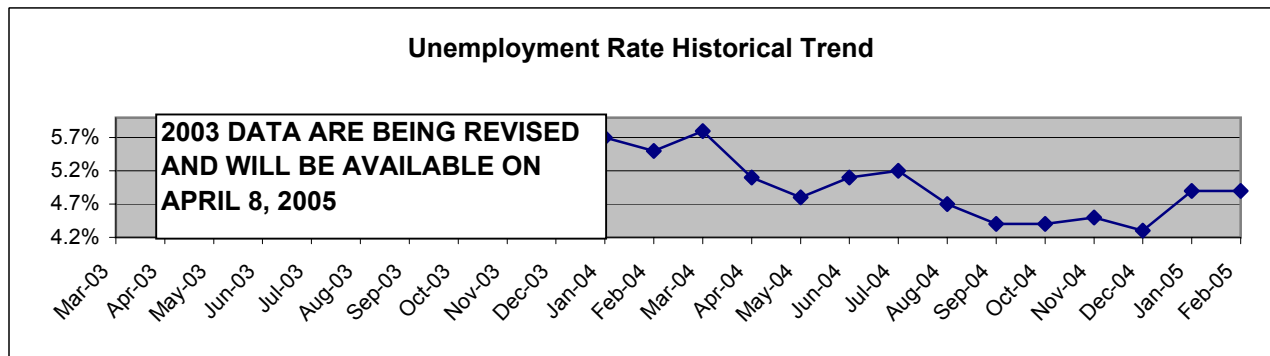


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 SANTA ROSA-PETALUMA METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREA (MSA)
 (Sonoma County)

The unemployment rate in Sonoma County was 4.9 percent in February 2005, stable from the revised rate for January 2005, and below the year-ago estimate of 5.5 percent. This compares with an unadjusted unemployment rate of 6.1 percent for California and 5.8 percent for the nation during the same period.



Month to month changes				Year to year changes			
Industry	Jan-2005	Feb-2005	Change		Feb-2004	Feb-2005	Change
Total Jobs	186,800	187,500	700		186,600	187,500	900
Farm Jobs	4,800	5,200	400		5,200	5,200	0
Nonfarm Jobs	182,000	182,300	300		181,400	182,300	900
Natural Resources and Mining	300	300	0		200	300	100
Construction	13,200	13,100	(100)		12,300	13,100	800
Manufacturing	23,600	23,500	(100)		24,100	23,500	(600)
Trade, Transportation and Utilities	33,900	33,700	(200)		33,600	33,700	100
Information	4,200	4,100	(100)		4,200	4,100	(100)
Financial Activities	9,700	9,700	0		10,000	9,700	(300)
Professional and Business Services	19,400	19,500	100		19,400	19,500	100
Educational and Health Services	22,600	22,800	200		22,400	22,800	400
Leisure and Hospitality	19,400	19,500	100		19,100	19,500	400
Other Services	6,300	6,400	100		6,300	6,400	100
Government	29,400	29,700	300		29,800	29,700	(100)

Notes: Data not adjusted for seasonality
 Data may not add due to rounding
 Additional data are available on-line at www.labormarketinfo.edd.ca.gov

Santa Rosa-Petaluma MSA
Sonoma County
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March 2004 Benchmark

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	Feb 04	Dec 04	Jan 05 Revised	Feb 05 Prelim.	Percent Change Month Year	
Civilian Labor Force (1)	256,300	257,600	255,800	257,700	0.7%	0.5%
Civilian Employment	242,100	246,500	243,100	245,000	0.8%	1.2%
Civilian Unemployment	14,200	11,000	12,600	12,700	0.8%	-10.6%
Civilian Unemployment Rate	5.5%	4.3%	4.9%	4.9%		
(CA Unemployment Rate)	6.7%	5.7%	6.3%	6.1%		
(U.S. Unemployment Rate)	6.0%	5.1%	5.7%	5.8%		

Total, All Industries (2)	186,600	191,300	186,800	187,500	0.4%	0.5%
Total Farm	5,200	4,900	4,800	5,200	8.3%	0.0%
Total Nonfarm	181,400	186,400	182,000	182,300	0.2%	0.5%
Total Private	151,600	156,800	152,600	152,600	0.0%	0.7%
Goods Producing	36,600	38,000	37,100	36,900	-0.5%	0.8%
Natural Resources and Mining	200	300	300	300	0.0%	50.0%
Construction	12,300	14,000	13,200	13,100	-0.8%	6.5%
Residual-Building, Develop & Gen Cont & Hvy C	4,800	5,400	5,100	5,100	0.0%	6.3%
Specialty Trade Contractors	7,500	8,600	8,100	8,000	-1.2%	6.7%
Manufacturing	24,100	23,700	23,600	23,500	-0.4%	-2.5%
Durable Goods	12,700	12,400	12,400	12,300	-0.8%	-3.1%
Computer and Electronic Product Manufacturing	4,200	4,000	4,000	3,900	-2.5%	-7.1%
Residual-Computer and Peripheral Equipment	1,400	1,500	1,500	1,500	0.0%	7.1%
Electronic Instrument Manufacturing	2,800	2,500	2,500	2,400	-4.0%	-14.3%
Residual-Miscellaneous Manufacturing	8,500	8,400	8,400	8,400	0.0%	-1.2%
Nondurable Goods	11,400	11,300	11,200	11,200	0.0%	-1.8%
Food Man & Beverage & Tobacco	9,200	9,200	9,100	9,100	0.0%	-1.1%
Residual-Textile Mills	2,200	2,100	2,100	2,100	0.0%	-4.5%
Service Providing	144,800	148,400	144,900	145,400	0.3%	0.4%
Private Service Producing	115,000	118,800	115,500	115,700	0.2%	0.6%
Trade, Transportation and Utilities	33,600	35,300	33,900	33,700	-0.6%	0.3%
Wholesale Trade	6,500	6,600	6,500	6,600	1.5%	1.5%
Retail Trade	23,300	24,700	23,400	23,100	-1.3%	-0.9%
Food and Beverage Stores	5,800	5,900	5,700	5,700	0.0%	-1.7%
Grocery Stores	5,100	5,200	5,100	5,100	0.0%	0.0%
Residual-Specialty Food Stores	700	700	600	600	0.0%	-14.3%
General Merchandise Stores	3,200	3,900	3,300	3,100	-6.1%	-3.1%
Residual-Miscellaneous Store Retailers	14,300	14,900	14,400	14,300	-0.7%	0.0%
Transportation, Warehousing and Utilities	3,800	4,000	4,000	4,000	0.0%	5.3%
Information	4,200	4,200	4,200	4,100	-2.4%	-2.4%
Financial Activities	10,000	9,800	9,700	9,700	0.0%	-3.0%
Finance and Insurance	7,100	6,800	6,800	6,800	0.0%	-4.2%
Residual-Other Finance	4,200	4,200	4,200	4,200	0.0%	0.0%
Insurance Carriers and Related	2,900	2,600	2,600	2,600	0.0%	-10.3%
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	2,900	3,000	2,900	2,900	0.0%	0.0%
Professional and Business Services	19,400	19,900	19,400	19,500	0.5%	0.5%
Professional, Scientific and Technical Services	7,800	8,000	7,900	7,900	0.0%	1.3%
Management of Companies and Enterprises	1,900	1,700	1,700	1,700	0.0%	-10.5%
Administrative and Support and Waste Services	9,700	10,200	9,800	9,900	1.0%	2.1%
Administrative and Support Services	9,100	9,600	9,300	9,300	0.0%	2.2%
Employment Services	4,100	4,300	4,000	4,000	0.0%	-2.4%
Residual-Other Support Services	5,000	5,300	5,300	5,300	0.0%	6.0%
Waste Management and Remediation Services	600	600	500	600	20.0%	0.0%
Educational and Health Services	22,400	22,900	22,600	22,800	0.9%	1.8%
Educational Services	2,800	3,000	2,800	2,900	3.6%	3.6%
Health Care and Social Assistance	19,600	19,900	19,800	19,900	0.5%	1.5%
Health Care	16,600	17,000	16,800	16,800	0.0%	1.2%
Social Assistance	3,000	2,900	3,000	3,100	3.3%	3.3%
Leisure and Hospitality	19,100	20,300	19,400	19,500	0.5%	2.1%

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Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation	3,100	3,400	3,100	3,100	0.0%	0.0%
Accommodation and Food Service	16,000	16,900	16,300	16,400	0.6%	2.5%
Accommodation	3,100	3,200	3,000	3,000	0.0%	-3.2%
Food Services and Drinking Places	12,900	13,700	13,300	13,400	0.8%	3.9%
Other Services	6,300	6,400	6,300	6,400	1.6%	1.6%
Government	29,800	29,600	29,400	29,700	1.0%	-0.3%
Federal Government	1,700	1,700	1,700	1,700	0.0%	0.0%
State and Local Government	28,100	27,900	27,700	28,000	1.1%	-0.4%
State Government	5,600	5,500	5,400	5,400	0.0%	-3.6%
State Government Education	2,000	2,000	1,900	1,900	0.0%	-5.0%
Other State Government	3,600	3,500	3,500	3,500	0.0%	-2.8%
Local Government	22,500	22,400	22,300	22,600	1.3%	0.4%
Local Government Education	14,000	14,200	14,000	14,300	2.1%	2.1%
County	4,800	4,600	4,700	4,700	0.0%	-2.1%
City	2,500	2,400	2,400	2,400	0.0%	-4.0%
Other Local Government	1,200	1,200	1,200	1,200	0.0%	0.0%

Note 1: Civilian labor force data are by place of residence; include self-employed individuals, unpaid family workers, household domestic workers, & workers on strike.

Note 2: Industry employment is by place of work; excludes self-employed individuals, unpaid family workers, household domestic workers, & workers on strike.

These data are produced by the Labor Market Information Division of the California State Employment Development Department (EDD). Questions should be directed to: Cynthia Solorio-209/941-6550 or Dennis Mullins -707/441-5892

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